IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Cr.Misc. No.36003 of 2008
BRIJ NANDAN SINGH, son of Late Kamala Singh,
resident of village- Karouna, P.S. Jehanabad, District Jahanabad …… Petitioner
Versus
STATE OF BIHAR …… Opposite party

03/ 24.10.2008 Heard Sri Birendra Kumar, counsel for the petitioner as also the counsel for the State.

Petitioner and nine others named in the First Information Report along with 30-35 persons resorted to firing killing three persons. Prayer for grant of bail of one of the FIR named accused persons, namely, Ram Babu Chaudha was rejected under orders dated 19.8.2008, passed in Cr. Misc. No. 18738 of 2008. Petitioner is an absconder for about five years as he was taken in custody on 24.5.2007.

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In the circumstances, considering the nature of the allegation in the First Information Report and the fact that petitioner has remained absconder for about five years, I am not inclined to release him on bail. This application is, accordingly, rejected.

As petitioner has remained in jail custody for over a year, trial court is directed to expedite the trial.

Arjun/ **(V.N. Sinha, J.)**